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REMARKS

These remarks follow the order of the paragraphs of the office action. Relevant portions of the office action are shown indented and italicized.

DETAILED ACTION

- 1) *This is a Non-Final rejection in response to application filed 7/15/04.*
- 2) *Claims 1-19 are pending and rejected.*
- 3) *Effective filing date: 3/28/03.*

Claims 1, 6 and 12 are amended to better protect the invention. Claim 20 is added to protect a detailed embodiment of the invention.

Claim Rejections -35 USC § 103(a)

4) *The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:*

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4-1) Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Orr et al (US 5895476, issued April 20, 1999).

In response, the applicant respectfully states that Claims 1-19 are apparently not made obvious by Orr. The present invention, claimed in Claims 1-19, provides:

Digest screen display content deciding means selects display elements belonging to respective regions of a document based on display priorities of the display elements, which are obtained by digest screen display priority information creating means, and decides selected display elements as display content of a digest screen under a condition where a total display area does not exceed a required display area. A merging relationship among the regions is set based on layout information for the regions, created by digest screen region layout information creating means. Display content deciding means decides the display content of a detail screen based on the merging relationship among the regions,

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